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1. Prior to 28 September 1951, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne in Brandenburg (N 53/2 23) quartered 500 to 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Telephone and surveying sections were repeatedly seen marching out of the installation.

and four heavy prime movers with trailers were seen hauling coal from Altstaedter railroad station to the barracks installation. (1)

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2. Prior to 29 September, the Flak Kaserne was still occupied by a signal unit of about 150 men, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. No training activity was noticed.

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3. Prior to 29 September, the Infanterie Kaserne quartered 300 to 400 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia and who were repeatedly seen receiving basic training and training in firing. (3)

4. The Pionier Kaserne was occupied primarily by air force personnel and a few soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. German women employed in the barracks installations were discharged and replaced by Russian women. (4)

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5. The previously reported inspection in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne when the command was changed was held on 13 September rather than on 23 September. The previous commanding officer left for reassignment and was simultaneously promoted to a major general. (1) Troops with six 76.2-mm artillery pieces without muzzle brakes from the Infanterie Kaserne also took part in the inspection. (3) The ammunition dump of the artillery

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unit was located on Silo Canal opposite the former main ration supply depot, now a HO and Vereinigung Volkseigener-anschaffungsbetriebe (Union of Peoples Owned Procuring and Purchasing Firms) (VVEAB) installation.

6. An artillery unit and a military band of platoon strength were quartered in the only inhabitable building of the Infanterie Kaserne. The artillery unit seemed to be some type of a headquarters battery belonging to the unit in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne. (3)

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7. [REDACTED] the Pionier Kaserne [REDACTED] eastern section of the installation was occupied by about 40 officers and 250 EM of a tank unit with 6 or 7 T-34 tanks, and its western section quartered Soviet airmen. (4)

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8. From 60 to 70 troops with 3 artillery pieces transported in two loads, 6 prime movers and 4 trucks were entrained on 26 September; and an additional 60 to 70 troops with 3 artillery pieces, 6 prime movers and 4 trucks entrained on 27 September. [REDACTED] (5)

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